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REMARKS

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1. Prior to March 1953, Czech troops wearing red epaulets were quartered in the barracks installation northwest of Bruntal (P 50/N 99) and on the north side of the road to Horni Vavrov (formerly Horni Velikrby, P 50/N 89). Three units of company size, equipped with light infantry weapons, frequently marched to the training ground northeast of the installation. Source estimated that still more men were quartered at the installation. Soldiers often pulled three guns toward the training ground. These guns were once also towed by motor vehicles. Source also saw three armored vehicles leaving the installation, but was unable to give details. The barracks installation also quartered men wearing blue uniforms with blue epaulets in addition to those with red service color. Source mentioned that, in the fall of 1952, he saw a vehicle taking an old wingless aircraft to the installation.
2. Prior to March 1953, a military school generally referred to by the population as officer candidate school was in a four-storied cloister building on the south side of the street to the barracks installation on the northwestern perimeter of the city. The trainees wore standard khaki uniforms with khaki epaulets. Some trainees wore a yellow stripe on their epaulets. The men wore one, two or three yellow stripes on the sleeves of their blouses, and some also wore yellow chevrons on their sleeves. The members of this school were quartered in small apartment houses constructed after the last war on the northern perimeter of the city. They daily walked to the former cloister building where they received instruction or training.
3. The military post headquarters, which was frequented by many officers, was in another cloister building between two churches about 100 to 150 meters from the military school on the north side of the street which connected the center of the city with the barracks installation. Source knew no other buildings in Bruntal to be occupied by armed forces.
4. In the summer of 1952, source heard that Czech troops were on the Praded (Altwater, K 51/H 70) hill. Workers later said that they had laid wire in this area.

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1. Comment. The infantry officers' high school was transferred to Bruntal from Milovice in the spring of 1951 and is carried there. While previous report by Deserter Franer stated that officers were trained as battalion and regimental

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commanders at this school, the present report indicates that the trainees were NCOs. The barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 1 perhaps quarters the instruction unit of this school or, possibly, elements of the 34th Inf Regt stationed at Kham.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. In July the Moscowstev firm military building contractors constructed a military installation, allegedly a radar station, on this hill. Previous reports also indicated that the installation was a decimeter station.

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